

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs
2 declaring South Shore as "Home of Clarence 'Soc' Clay, 1984 Kentucky Poet Laureate."

3 WHEREAS, Clarence "Soc" Clay is a nationally renowned outdoorsman who
4 resides in Fern Hollow, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1984, Soc Clay was named Poet Laureate of the Commonwealth of
6 Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, Soc Clay is the founding president of the Southern Outdoor Press
8 Association and has written about the sport of fly fishing since 1970. He has served as
9 masthead editor for several publications, including *Outdoor Life*, *Fins & Feathers*, and
10 *Heartland USA Magazine*; and

11 WHEREAS, Soc Clay is a master of outdoor photography and is recognized as one
12 of the most talented fresh water photographers in the world; and

13 WHEREAS, Soc Clay received, from the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association,
14 the Tom Rollins Award in 1989 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2003, Soc Clay was inducted into the National Freshwater Fishing
16 Hall of Fame as a Legendary Communicator and into the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of
17 Fame as a Legendary Photojournalist; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2011, Soc Clay, a 1954 McKell High School graduate, was inducted
19 into the Greenup County Hall of Fame; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2015, Soc Clay was inducted into the National Trout Fishing Hall of
21 Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, on February 3, 2017, Soc Clay was inducted into the Southern Trout
23 "Legends of the Fly" Hall of Fame in recognition of his lifetime of advocacy for the
24 outdoors and his profound contributions to the sport of fly fishing;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Clarence

1 "Soc" Clay by erecting signs at the city limits of South Shore, on United States Route 23,
2 in Greenup County, that read "Home of Clarence 'Soc' Clay, 1984 Kentucky Poet
3 Laureate." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this
4 Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.